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STATE OF PREPAREDNESS OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (HABITAT II)

Note by the secretariat

1. In its resolution 33/56, of 14 December 1978, section III, paragraph 2(c), the General Assembly stipulates that a report should be circulated eight weeks before the opening of an intergovernmental body on the state of preparedness of all the documents for the session, in all languages. Furthermore, in paragraph 1 of resolution 36/117B of 10 December 1981, the General Assembly decided that the documents should be given effective simultaneous distribution in sufficient time in the official and working languages of the United Nations. The injunction in resolution 33/56 was reaffirmed by the General Assembly in its resolution 39/68 of 13 December 1984.

2. In compliance with the above-mentioned resolutions, the Conference secretariat submits the following table which shows the status of preparation and distribution of documents for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements as at 9 April 1996.

Agenda item	Symbol	Title	Status
		Letter of convocation	Available
		Notification by the Secretary-General	Available
4	A/CONF.165/1	Provisional agenda	Under preparation in New York
3	A/CONF.165/2	Provisional rules of procedure: note by the Secretariat	Under preparation in New York
1, 2, 3, 5, 6 & 7	A/CONF.165/3	Organization of work including the establishment of the Main Committees of the Conference: note by the Secretariat	Under preparation in New York
7	A/CONF.165/4	Report of the Credentials Committee: note by the Secretariat	Prepared in-session
4	A/CONF.165/5	Accreditation of Non-Governmental Organizations: report of the Secretary-General	Transmittal note in English available. In translation.
4	A/CONF.165/5/Add.1	Accreditation of Non-Governmental Organizations: report of the Secretary-General	To be prepared in May
4	A/CONF.165/6	Accreditation of local authorities: report of the Secretary-General	English transmittal note available. In translation.
4	A/CONF.165/6/Add.1	Accreditation of local authorities: report of the Secretary-General	To be prepared in May.
8	A/CONF.165/7	The future of human settlements: Good policy can make a difference: report of the Secretary-General	Transmittal note not finalized. Text to be combined.
8	A/CONF.165/8	Best practices initiative: report of the Secretary-General	In translation.
9	A/CONF.165/9	Note by the Secretary-General of the Conference on the draft Habitat Agenda	To be processed entirely by New York.
9	A/CONF.165/9/Add.1	New objectives, role and place of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) within the United Nations system: note by the Secretariat	English transmittal note available. In translation to be attached to the PrepCom III document.
9	A/CONF.165/9/Add.2	Co-ordination and co-operation within the United Nations system in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda: report of the Secretary-General	English transmittal note available. In translation to be attached to the PrepCom III document.
10	A/CONF.165/10	The role and contribution of local authorities, the private sector, Parliamentarians, non-governmental organizations and other partners in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda: report of the Secretary-General	In translation.
8 & 9	A/CONF.165/PC.3/7	Report of the third substantive session of the Preparatory Committee for the Habitat II Conference	Being prepared by New York.
9	A/CONF.165/L.1	Note by the Secretariat transmitting the draft Habitat Agenda	Being prepared by New York
9	A/CONF.165/L.1/Add.1	Note by the Secretariat transmitting the compilation of proposals from Member States and United Nations entities on chapters II, III and IV.D of the draft Habitat Agenda	Being prepared by New York
8	A/CONF.165/CRP.1	Note by the Secretariat transmitting additional proposals from Member States and United Nations entities on chapter IV, sections A, E and F, of the draft Habitat Agenda	Being prepared by New York
8	A/CONF.165/CRP.2	Housing and urban indicators: report of the Secretary-General	In translation.

Agenda item	Symbol	Title	Status
8	A/CONF.165/CRP.3	Annotated bibliography of Best Practices 100 List: note by the Secretariat	In translation.
8	A/CONF.165/CRP.4	Matters arising out of the resolutions of major legislative organs of the United Nations and other inter-governmental bodies which are brought to the attention of the Conference	Not received.
8	A/CONF.165/CRP.5	National reports and plans of action: report of the Secretary-General	Not received.
	A/CONF.165/INF.1	List of documents before the Conference	Available in English
	A/CONF.165/INF.2	State of preparedness of documents for the Conference	Available in English
	A/CONF.165/INF.3	An Urbanizing World: Global Report on Human Settlements	Available in English
	A/CONF.165/INF.4	Report of the Dubai International Conference on Best Practices: note by the Secretariat	Available in English.
	A/CONF.165/INF.5	Information for delegations	Being prepared in New York.

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AN URBANIZING WORLD: GLOBAL REPORT ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

Note by the Secretariat

1. In paragraph 12 (a) of its Decision I/2, the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) at its first substantive session decided, as one of its international objectives, that the preparatory process should seek:

> "To present a State of Human Settlements report that should contain a description of the main challenges and concerns of urbanization, identify human settlements development constraints at local, national and international levels, and build, on the basis of all available knowledge, a vision of sustainable human settlements and adequate shelter for all."

It explained that such a knowledge base will be used to determine the extent to which the goals and commitments of the Vancouver Declaration, the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000 and Agenda 21 are being attained.

This report is now ready and available to the Conference.

2. The report assesses the conditions and trends in the world's human settlements - cities, towns and villages, and specifically reviews the role of cities in development, urban trends, social achievements, housing conditions and trends, governance and strategies for sustainable human settlements development.

3. The report also covers such pertinent social issues as poverty, inequality, gender, crime and violence, as well as pressing institutional concerns. It also examines important challenges such as public-private cooperation, financing of human settlements development, land adjudication, and the changing roles of central governments, local authorities and communities.

4. The report presents a comprehensive statistical annex with tables on various aspects of human settlements for reference by practitioners, policy makers and researchers.

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